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MAINTAINING THEIR LEGACY

RAF team work to restore war graves in Oxford cemetery

OXFORD war graves that had become overgrown and forgotten about have been restored, after work to bring the site to its former glory was carried out by a team from RAF Benson.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The graves at Osney Lane Cemetery is the final resting place of 27 soldiers, and each headstone has been prepared to receive dwarf daffodils, snowdrops and white stone chippings.

It was the idea of Sergeant Steve Brown, who noticed the overgrown graves as he passed by the site on a train.

Steve then visited the cemetery to inspect the graves, and began to work to restore the site.

This included a lot of background work, first to confirm that the graves were registered with the War Graves Commission, and then to ensure there were no family objections to the proposed project.

They then collected the bulbs and a donation of stone chippings from Wickes, before clearing the site of weeds and preparing the headstones.

Steve said: "The graves were scattered across the cemetery and we wanted to make sure that they were uniform.

"We couldn't place the stone chippings surrounding the headstone as you would normally see on a war grave, as some of the headstones were so close to the railings.

"But we hope that the work we've managed to do gives a small amount of respect to the boys who gave their lives for us."

The project was carried out by the Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS) from RAF Benson, and worked on by Steve, Lance Corporal Dean Millward and Private Pat Lockyer.

They were also assisted by colleagues Corporal Pat Bone and Lance Corporal Hern Thapa, who were on duty during the renovations.

Dean said: "We are honoured to be able to take on this project as a unit.

"The MPGS at RAF Benson are a close knit bunch and many of us have seen action at some point in our career.

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Oxford alumni back in the classroom

OVER 100 Oxford University students, staff and alumni have joined a programme to encourage pupils at their former state schools to continue with higher education and apply to university.

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Oxford students were the biggest group to offer their support as part of this year's Back to School Week, a nationwide campaign for former students to help young people at their old schools.

It was organised by social enterprise charity FutureFirst, who encourage those taking part to return to their former state school to give career and UCAS talks and guidance, become a governor, or make a donation.

Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) and the university's Widening Participation team collaborated to sign up as many undergraduates for the scheme as possible.

Rachel Pickering, Vice-President for access and academic affairs at OUSU, said: "We managed to sign up three times as many people to this excellent scheme than any other student union, accounting for nearly five per cent of national sign-ups.

"This is amazing and really proves how engaged our students, staff and alumni are in outreach and access work."

OUSU signed up many students during Freshers' Week, while Widening Participation gave out postcards to staff and sent information to local parents whose children take part in the university's outreach schemes.

Tara Pravag, head of Widening Participation, said: "Our staff make countless visits to schools throughout the year to encourage students to think about higher education.

"But there is no substitute for school children being able to hear directly from students who were in their position only a few years ago."

Oxford University Press will also be contributing by providing 1,000 books to be given to state school students. This is part of Widening Participation's primary school programme, run by their team to help schools in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Swindon.

Cops release bedroom sex assault offender e-fit

POLICE have released an e-fit following a sexual assault that took place in Oxford in the early hours of October 9.

At 4.30am, a woman was asleep in a James Street property when she awoke to find a man in the room with her, who then kissed her and left the building through a window.

A man matching his description was then seen outside the same property on October 18, who knocked on the door and then left the scene.

He is believed to be black or mixed race, in his early to mid-twenties, around 5ft 7ins to 5ft 8ins, of lean build with dark short hair.

During the first incident, he was wearing dark trousers and a grey plaid lumberjack-style shirt.

The second time, the man was seen wearing dark blue jeans and a long-sleeved black and white shirt.

Detective Sergeant Simon Hannam, investigating officer of Force CID based in Oxford, said: "The victim of this assault, though thankfully unhurt, was left very shaken."

"I urge anyone who saw a man in the e-fit or matching the description to contact police immediately, or call Crimestoppers."

Anyone with information can call 101.

Alternatively, the Crimestoppers number is 0800 555111.

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• *Have you seen this man?*

Gloucester Green toilets open

GLOUCESTER Green's public toilets will be officially opened today, following a refurbishment of the facility as part of a scheme to improve 21 public conveniences across Oxford.

The new toilets incorporate premium fixtures and fittings, featuring energy efficient hand wash facilities and bright low-energy LED lighting.

It is part of a major overhaul of the Gloucester Green toilets, with the dated electrics and plumbing systems being completely upgraded.

The revamp was carried out by Oxford City Council, with Cllr John Tanner, board member for Cleaner, Greener Oxford, opening the toilets at 11am today.

He said: "The new facilities are completely transformed with increased space and new parent and baby facilities.

"The transformation is amazing and I am delighted with the results, and I hope the residents and visitors to the city are as well."

Work to improve the toilets cost approximately £130,000, with the total cost of the scheme expected to be £450,000.

The design of the Gloucester Green facility was changed while work was carried out, as engineers discovered some issues with structural walls, causing a delay to its completion.

War graves restoration

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"To know that we have been able to give these guys a fitting final resting place is a heart-warming feeling.

"As the poem says, they gave their tomorrow for our today, and we should be eternally grateful to them all."

The team will continue to look after the graves to keep them in a good condition, and ensure they are suitable for the fallen soldiers. They also visited the cemetery over the weekend to commemorate Remembrance Day, laying a wreath and placing a personalised poppy on a small wooden cross on each grave. The MPGS is hoping regiments and squadrons of the soldiers can shed light on them, so they are not forgotten.

Man, 24, given suspended jail sentence...

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was given a four-month suspended prison sentence at Oxford Magistrates' Court last Thursday, following a sexual assault which occurred in July.

Silviano Pereira, of Sorrell Road, Blackbird Leys, was also given a 24-month supervision requirement, and ordered to pay £750 in compensation to the victim.

The incident in question took place on a bus in the Blackbird Leys area, where Pereira inappropriately touched his victim, a 23-year-old woman.

He pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault by touching following the offence, which occurred in the early hours of July 27.

Investigating officer Det Con Darren Little of Local CID in Oxford said: "I hope this case highlights the fact that Thames Valley Police will investigate every report of sexual assault.

"I welcome the sentence imposed upon Pereira, who will face imprisonment should he commit any offences in the next two years.

"I hope Pereira's sentencing will now bring some closure to the victim, who was extremely distressed by the incident."

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All free transport under county council review

FREE and subsidised transport could soon be at risk, following Oxfordshire County Council's decision to hold a complete review of how its services are provided.

Services that are under consideration to be cut includes home to school transport for eligible school children, and subsidising concessionary bus passes for the elderly and disabled.

The council currently spends around £30m a year on a range of different transport services, and

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have been making their attempts to reduce spending public in recent weeks.

Therefore it has decided to integrate all transport budgets, in an effort to make savings while minimising the impact on service users.

County council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "It is a well-known fact that the council is facing some very serious challenges to save money across its whole range of services.

"The amount of money we spend subsidising and directly providing transport services is probably not as well known, and I think people will be surprised to find out that the bill is in the region of £30m every year.

"The more innovative we can be with help of providers and users of transport, the fewer actual cuts we will have to make.

"For instance, we are looking at whether it would be more cost effective to provide bus passes for existing bus services for school pupils rather than hiring coaches in some circumstances.

"The voluntary sector could also play a part, particularly in areas where there is already a community transport organisation we can work with and support.

"As we try out some of these ideas, people may find that the services they are used to start to operate differently.

"Whenever this happens we will let people know in advance, and we will also be happy to listen to any ideas anyone has that could help us get better value."

As a result, a number of pilot schemes relating to transport are being set up to find ways of making money and resources go further.

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The day when Kryten met his match...

ACTOR Robert Llewellyn visited Oxford Brookes University last week, and was given the chance to meet a life-sized humanoid robot Artie.

Robert, most famous for playing Kryten in the sitcom Red Dwarf, was at Brookes to talk to digital media students about his experiences in the media industry on and off camera.

He later visited the department's new Cognitive Robotics Laboratory to meet Artie, a 'RoboThespian' created by Engineered Arts in Cornwall.

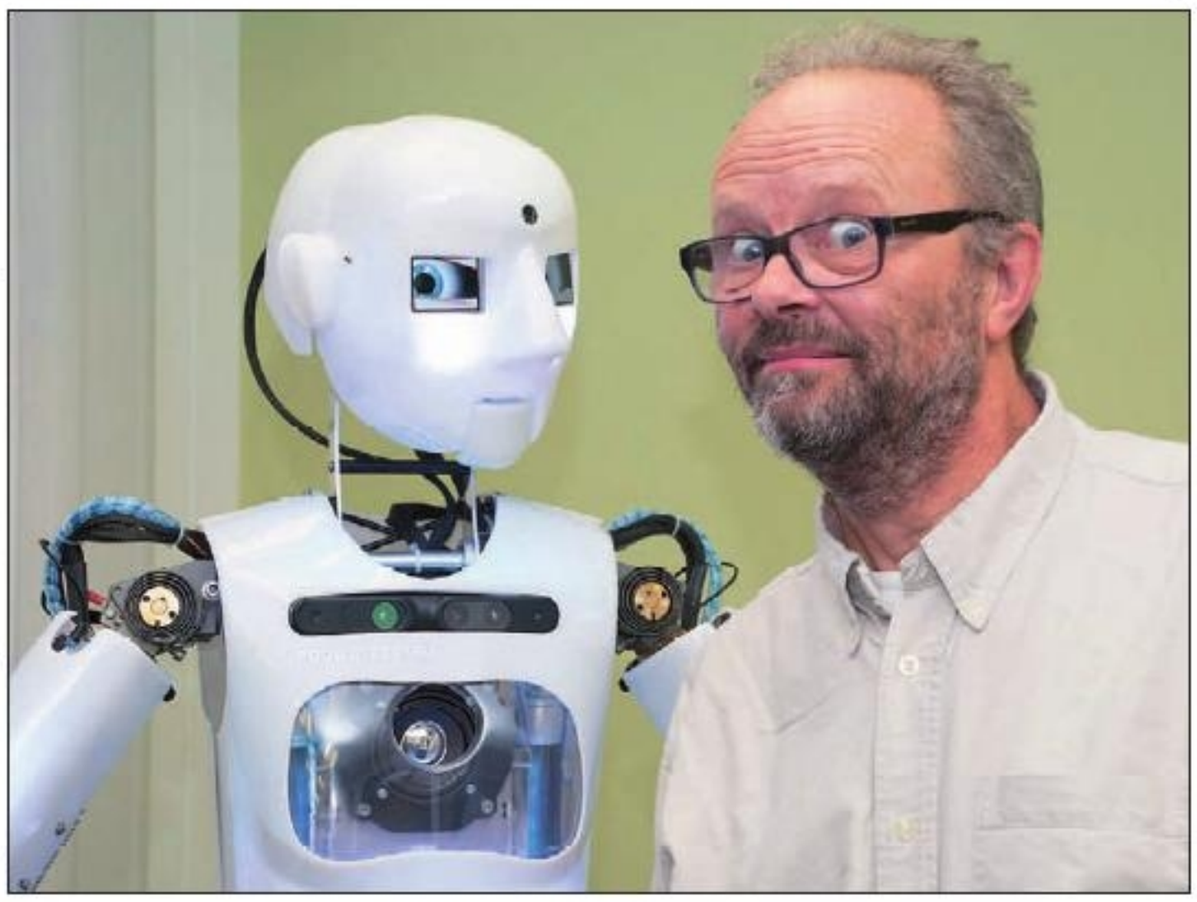
Artie is part of the department's research in human-robot interaction, allowing students to apply their understanding of programming to the control of sophisticated robots.

Writing on Twitter, Robert said: "Had the bizarre pleasure of meeting Mr RoboThespian. He's an amazing chap.

"He is spookily able, his eyes and head follow you around the room. He'll say whatever you type."

Robert has other links to Brookes, as he took part in a large-scale trial of electric vehicles to assess driver behaviour.

The national project involved the university's Psychology Department, who spoke with hundreds of drivers of electric vehicles about their driving experiences.



•Robert Llewellyn meets Artie the 'RoboThespian'

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Man hospitalised

A MAN required hospital treatment after he was punched in the chest in Park End Street, Oxford, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The 25-year-old victim was walking away from the Domino's Pizza branch at around 4.30am when a man assaulted him, causing him to fall and hit his head. The offender is white, around 19 to 20-years-old, 5ft 8ins tall with short hair and was wearing a light-coloured top and trousers.

Shoebox appeal

GLOBAL workplace provider Regus in Oxford is urging people to support a Christmas campaign to send shoeboxes filled with presents to needy children in third-world countries.

Run in conjunction with the Samaritan's Purse, the appeal asks volunteers to fill a shoebox with gifts and toys before they are distributed overseas.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Regus centres at Oxford Business Park and Oxford Science Park on weekdays from 9am to 5pm until Monday.

F1 memorabilia

HELMETS worn by 1976 Formula One champion James Hunt and a Niki Lauda helmet and race suit used in the blockbuster film 'Rush' are up for auction in Oxford next month.

A Hunt helmet worn when he won the F1 championship is expected to reach between £18,000 and £20,000 when the items go up for sale at the Bonhams Collectors' Motor Cars and Automobilia Sale on December 9.

Toby Wilson, head of automobilia at Bonhams, said: "These items bring together the old and the new, but all of them reflect the excitement these two men single-handedly brought to the sport."

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More parking spaces set for areas of the city

PLANNING permission has been granted to five projects in Oxford, which form part of Oxford City Council's capital programme of car parking works.

The works will take place over the next three years at a cost of £1.5m, part of which has already funded the completed verge protection project at Ashurst Way in Rose Hill.

As a result of the approval, 18 residents' parking spaces will be created in Blackbird Leys Road,

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with 16 spaces being created in Chillingworth Crescent.

There will also be 19 spaces created in Monks Close, 13 in Redmoor Close and 30 in Normandy Crescent.

Work on Blackbird Leys is scheduled to start later this month after a number of long-standing complaints about vehicles parking on grass verges, with parking improvements being top of a residents' wish list.

"These projects form part of the Great Estates programme," said Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for housing.

"We are delivering improvements to the external areas of our housing estates, and having these approved means we can now move these projects forward.

"As a local councillor, I know from calling round that the parking problem on Blackbird Leys Road is particularly bad.

"It's great to see that local concerns have been listened to and the work is now starting.

"Many of our estates were built before tenants owned one car, let alone the two or more they have today, creating an obvious need for more parking provision.

"At the moment, tenants in some places have taken to parking on the grass with little other option available.

"We want to create quality external environments in our estates with proper parking spaces provided and the remaining green spaces protected."

A further 35 sites are now being considered as part of next year's programme, which is currently being formed.

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Get booking for university spring school

BOOKING is now open for Oxford University's Spring School, organised by the Faculty of English Language and Literature on the theme of British poetry of the First World War.

It will run from April 3 to 5 and is open to the public, bringing together experts on First World War poetry to give lectures and guide attendees to further avenues of study.

Dr Stuart Lee, organiser of Spring School, said: "The poetry of the First World War is some of the most important and influential work of the 20th century, shaping our attitudes to war and still having enormous cultural resonances.

"This is witnessed by the national debate surrounding the commemoration of the start of the war 100 years on.

"However, the poetry also brings into question so many 'truths' that it is appropriate we revisit this important body of work in a new light in 2014."

Speakers who have been confirmed to attend next year's event include Adrian Barlow, Simon Featherstone and Jane Potter, alongside a number of other experts in the field. For information, visit www.english.ox.ac.uk.

Children's charity donations are hampered!

NURSERY children from Rose Hill have done their bit for charity by donating harvest hampers full of food to local causes.

The hampers have been donated to Helen and Douglas House, Oxford Children's Hospital and Oxford Homeless Pathways.

The children teamed up with the Midcounties Co-operative Food store in Ashurst Way, Oxford, and chose food from the shop to put into their specially decorated hampers.

Aaron Gee, store manager at the shop in Oxford, said: "It was great having the children come into the store and they were interested in the different types of food we have and where it comes from.

"The children were very enthusiastic about donating the food to the charities they selected and were excited to get the hampers back to the nursery to decorate."

Lisa Thornton, nursery manager at Rose Hill, added: "We took five groups of children into the food store and they really enjoyed choosing what to put in their hampers.

"After bringing the hampers back to the nursery, the children worked together to decorate them, which they loved.

"It was a fun activity for the children to get involved in as it really helped them learn about the importance of charitable giving."

(Left to right) Lisa Thornton, Nicola Robertson, third in charge at the nursery, Sophie Smith, deputy manager at the nursery, Donna Wood, deputy manager at the Cooperative Store, with Bianca Stefankiewscz, Connor Edwards, and Livi Mossop

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Play it again!

OXFORDSHIRE'S County Youth Orchestra was given the chance to perform at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday, as they took part in the National Schools' Prom.

It followed an award-winning performance at the National Festival of Music for Youth back in July.

Melinda Tilley of Oxfordshire County Council said: "This was a fantastic opportunity and the experience will no doubt live in their memories for years."

Insurance scheme

AN AFFORDABLE home contents insurance scheme, which aims to help Oxford City Council tenants protect their possessions, has been announced.

It will be launched in January 2014, and covers tenants' personal belongings against theft, fire, vandalism or burst pipes.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for housing, said: "Tenants need to think about taking out home contents insurance to protect their possessions.

Science challenge

SCIENCE Oxford has released a list of schools where they will be staging workshops during the rest of the month, in the run-up to the judging of their construction challenge competition.

Cutteslowe Primary School will be holding a workshop tomorrow morning, while SS Mary and John Primary School will host theirs the following Friday.

Children work in teams to understand a range of engineering skills.

Oxford's players hope to hit the right notes

A HANDFUL of Oxford United players will be part of a special Christmas choir later this month.

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Striker James Constable, defenders Johnny Mullins and Sam Long and midfielder Scott Davies, along with members of the Ladies team and Youth team, will form an Oxford United choir.

They will be trained by Darren Lord, a musical director who has previously worked on Mamma Mia and Wicked, before the big performance on November 24 on a main stage in St Giles.

James said: "I'm delighted to be a part of the Christmas Choir to really show that we as a club want to be involved with our local community.

"I'm not convinced by my voice but hopefully Darren Lord will be able to improve that."

It is all part of Oxford City Council's Day of Song, which will see 10 local and national choirs performing in cultural venues, shops and St Giles.

The players will be singing as part of the big finale to the Christmas Light Festival.

Rachel Capell, events officer at Oxford City Council, said: "This is the first time we have organised the Day of Song and we are really excited that so many choirs are taking part.

"We are also pleased that Oxford United players are joining us and we hope that it will attract a variety of people to the city on Sunday afternoon.

"The day is an opportunity to walk round different cultural venues and listen to a variety of different choirs before joining us for the finale in St Giles, which promises to be fantastic."

Christmas Light Festival is an annual event of art, music, dance and performance.

It begins with Christmas Light Night and the Lantern Parade on November 22 and ends with the Day of Song, taking place from 10am until 4pm across the city with the finale at 3.30pm in St Giles.

The city's museums, galleries, theatres, Castle and Town Hall open their doors to the public for unique late night viewings.

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Dig deep for the homeless this Christmas

AN OXFORD-BASED charity is calling upon families, schools, offices and community groups to host Christmas parties to help raise money for homeless people.

Crisis Skylight Oxford, the city's branch of the national charity for single homelessness, want people to support its work as the festive season draws closer.

Lord Mayor of Oxford Dee Sinclair met Kate Cocker, director of Crisis Skylight Oxford, and former homeless person Debbie Smart attended a special launch event for the parties.

Leslie Morphy, Crisis chief executive, said: "Being homeless is a frightening, lonely, desperate place to be – and the sad fact is that homelessness is rising. By hosting a Crisis Christmas Party, you will allow us to help even more of the most vulnerable and isolated people in our society, all year round."

Last year 311 households in Oxfordshire were accepted as homeless by their council, a 25 per cent increase over two years.

Ms Smart became homeless after the break up of her marriage, and has struggled with mental health problems.

She said: "Crisis has given me hope, a sense of purpose and a place to feel welcome – it's become my candle in the dark."

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Leys house fire

A HOUSE fire broke out in a Blackbird Leys property on November 5, but the quick thinking of its occupants saw them evacuate safely.

Three fire engines attended the blaze on Pegasus Road, finding smoke pouring from the first floor of the house.

The fire was extinguished without it spreading to further rooms.

History of the dreaming spires

LOCAL historian Julian Munby will be giving a talk to the Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT) on November 19.

Mr Munby will speak about the history and development of the dreaming spires of the city over the centuries.

The talk starts at 6pm at the Key Learning Centre at Oxford Castle and costs £8 for OPT members and £12 for non-members.

What's going on this Christmas?

A NEW website has been launched to help inform people of what is happening during the festive season.

The city council have created the 'Oxford's Christmas' website to help guide people through events and activities on offer.

Some of the events include unique late night viewings of museums, galleries, theatres, Oxford Castle and the Town Hall.

Education project sees students make progress

OXFORD schools have seen an improvement in the progress of their pupils' reading and mathematics skills, following a project launched by the city council.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The Education Attainment Project has seen eight schools serving the more disadvantaged areas of Oxford take part, with the aim of narrowing the gap in attainment for children.

It is part of Oxford City Council's KRM programme, which teaches all children the key skills they need to read, write and do mathematics well.

Cllr Pat Kennedy, board member for education, said: "I am delighted that so many children are enjoying their learning and making such encouraging progress.

"Fluent reading is fundamental for achievement in many areas of life.

"The work that the council has been doing with schools in disadvantaged areas is fantastic and I hope that we continue to be rewarded with good results."

In the KRM teaching sessions, pupils are taught phonic skills, spelling, vocabulary and learning words on sight in order to read fluently.

Sessions occur three times a day for 15 minutes, and all children are included regardless of their disability and language needs to ensure they learn together.

As part of the programme, each school was given £8,000 worth of what are being dubbed 'real' books, in that they are not the ones used as reading scheme books within many schools.

East Oxford Primary School is one of the sites taking part in the programme, and interim executive headteacher Lisa Biggin believes it has been a success.

Figures for the school show that in the six months from January to July 2013, the average progress in reading for children in years two, three and five had more than doubled.

Ms Biggin said: "The children are enjoying the KRM programme. The injection of the 'real' books has had a high quality impact on reading opportunities.

"The school is starting implementation of the KRM writing programme shortly to target and accelerate progress further."

A chance for youngsters to find their talent

UNIPART, a name familiar with Oxford United fans, have once again combined with the football club to help unlock talent in young people.

The Cowley-based company, which provides manufacturing, logistics and consultancy solutions for companies, have teamed up with Oxford United for a second year to help young people realise their potential.

Most fans will remember Unipart being United's shirt sponsors during the Manor days but the two have now combined to expand the company's Talent Factory.

Paul Brooks, development director at Unipart, explained: "The intention is to, under the talent factory banner, identify future talent. School children will go through an experience day with Oxford United and Unipart and then what we will try to offer them is an application to do a whole weeks worth of experience with Unipart.

"From those that do the weeks work experience, everyone of those will get the opportunity to apply for an apprenticeship with Unipart so that is the sort of talent progression that we are trying to do."

Tony Davison, Oxford United's commercial director, added: "Unipart's commitment to helping in the community in and around Oxford ties in perfectly with some of the very exciting projects that we are looking to implement across the county."

• *Tony Davison, Talent Factory project manager Chris Murphy, business development manager at Oxford United Peter Rhoades-Brown and Paul Brooks.*

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Baked salmon with a pine nut & watercress crust with a prawn sauce
Winter vegetable dauphinoise with Cropwell Bishop Stilton crust, caramelised shallots & port jus (v)
Main courses are served with crispy roast potatoes or buttered new potatoes & a selection of seasonal winter vegetables

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Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
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Men without country...

By **Adam Flinn**

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SOUTH Wales duo Man Without Country perform in Oxford on Sunday evening, showcasing their atmospheric sound, heavy bass and powerful vocals.

Made up of Tomas Greenhalf and Ryan James, the group take influence from Scandinavian artists including The Knife, When Saints Go Machine and The Field.

Speaking about the band's music, Tomas said: "You don't know whether to dance to us or just listen to it, and wallow in it.

"The music is often moody, dark and melancholic, usually in minor keys, but there are also some uplifting passages which emphasise the poignancy of the lyrics."

Tomas and Ryan met on a popular music degree in 2006, with both admitting to each other the only reason they had joined the course was to find other musicians.

Ryan's love of music came when he was a teenager, with a love of the metal music of Death Cab For Cutie and The Postal Service.

"That's when I first realised the sort of music that was my calling, and that I wanted to sing," said Ryan.

"I hadn't realised before how creative and upfront you could be with lyrics and poetry, which took me down a different road.

"Some lyrics are more personal, and some are more ambiguous than others."

The pair exchanged a number of emails with snippets of audio attached, before taking it one step further and renting a rehearsal space.

Their debut album Foe soon followed, with help from renowned producer Ken Thomas, who had agreed to mix the album.

Tomas said: "We'd never had any outside involvement in our work, so it was good to have an impartial point of view to bring a fresh perspective on the music.

"Ken's work with punk and post-punk bands is also relevant to the outcome of Foe. We wanted that edge and energy, to prevent the songs from sounding too clean and clinical."

Sunday's show starts at 7pm, and tickets cost £6. For more information, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or call 0844 477 2000.

• *Man Without Country perform in Oxford on Sunday (Picture by Robert Bellamy)*

Sing along!

A WORKSHOP giving people the opportunity to sing with a group of other willing participants is being staged at Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday.

The session includes vocal exercises, and songs are taught by ear. Go to www.cornerstone-arts.org or phone 01235 515144 for more details.

All that jazz

A COLLECTION of Europe's finest jazz players and composers perform at Oxford's North Wall Arts Centre on Sunday.

Music comes from the Schlippenbach Trio, led by premier jazz bandleader Alexander von Schlippenbach, and Noszferatu, made up of Finn Peters, Ivo de Greef and Damien Harron.

The show begins at 8pm, tickets are £14. Call 01865 319450 or go to www.thenorthwall.com.

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Texas are back

FOLLOWING the release of their eighth studio album 'The Conversation', Scottish rock/pop band Texas return with their full UK tour, which comes to Oxford's New Theatre on Sunday evening.

The group have sold over 30 million albums worldwide in their 25 years in the industry, and the new album is the first to be released in eight years.

Tickets for the show start from £41.90 for a 7pm start. For booking details, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

Rollin' Clones

TRIBUTE act to one of the most influential rock and roll bands of all time, the Rollin' Clones present their new show at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre tomorrow evening.

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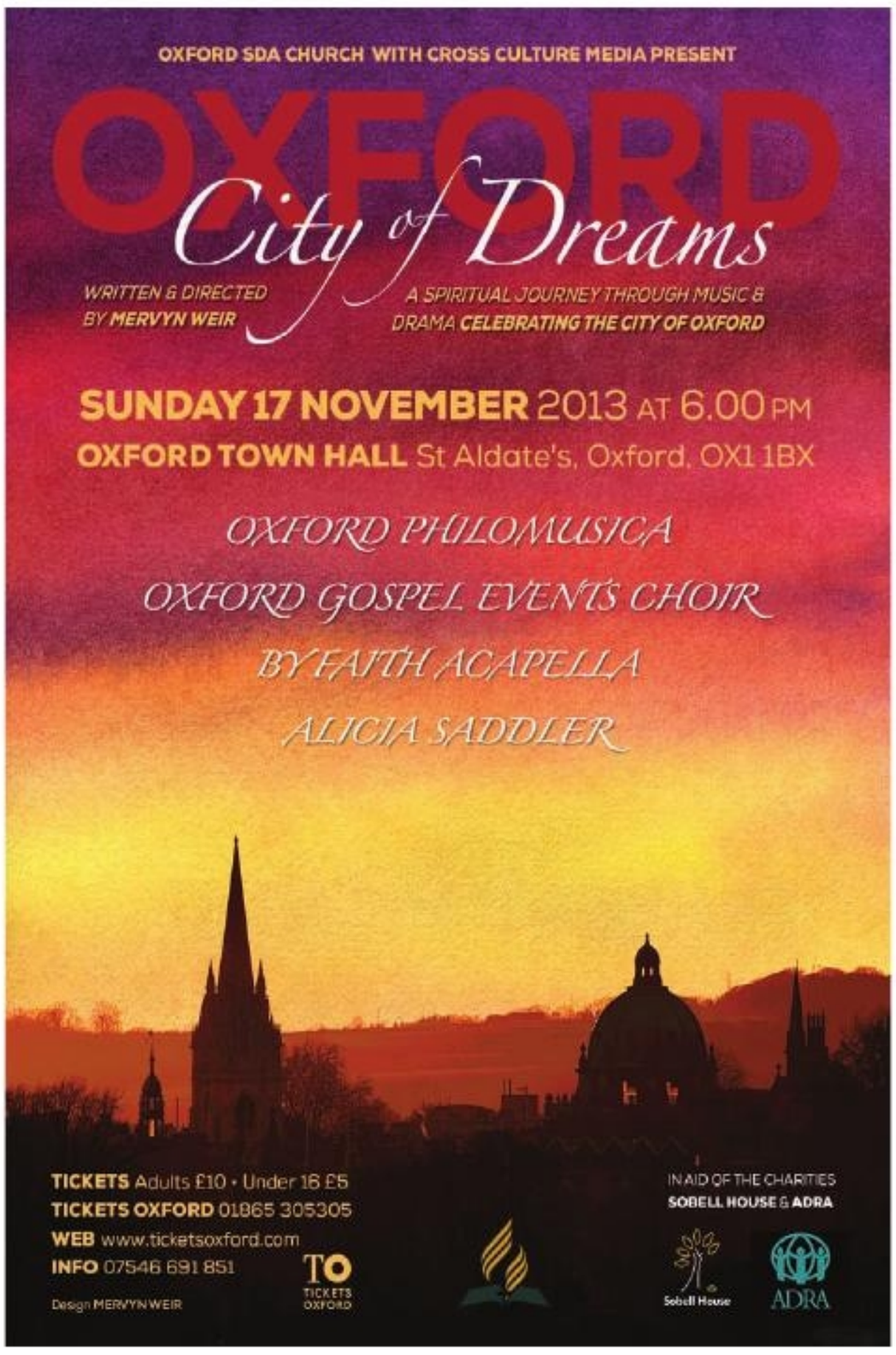
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http//www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery

To 23 December, 10:30am - 4:30pm
Christ Church Picture Gallery
BEAUTY, GRACE AND POWER: THE HORSE IN DRAWINGS OF THE RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE
A selection of nine Old Master drawings from the Christ Church collection show how sixteenth and seventeenth century artists studied and portrayed the horse.
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To 24 November, 10:30am - 4:30pm
West Ox Arts Gallery Bampton
MEMBERS EXHIBITION
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01993 850137 www.westoxarts.com

15 November, 8pm - 10pm
Jacqueline du Pré Music Building
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www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/jdp 01865 286660

15 November
Holywell Music Room, Oxford
THE CLERKS
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15 November - 16 November
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17 November, 3pm
Henley Town Hall
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18 November, 5pm - 6:30pm
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Orator (7)
5 Anything giving great pleasure (5)
8 Drop (4)
9 Contrary (8)
10 Reluctance (13)
13 Man-eating giant (4)
14 Immense (4)
17 Inquiring into (13)
19 Most spacious (8)
20 Cut off (4)
21 Gloomy (5)
22 Entreaties (7)

Quick Clues Down

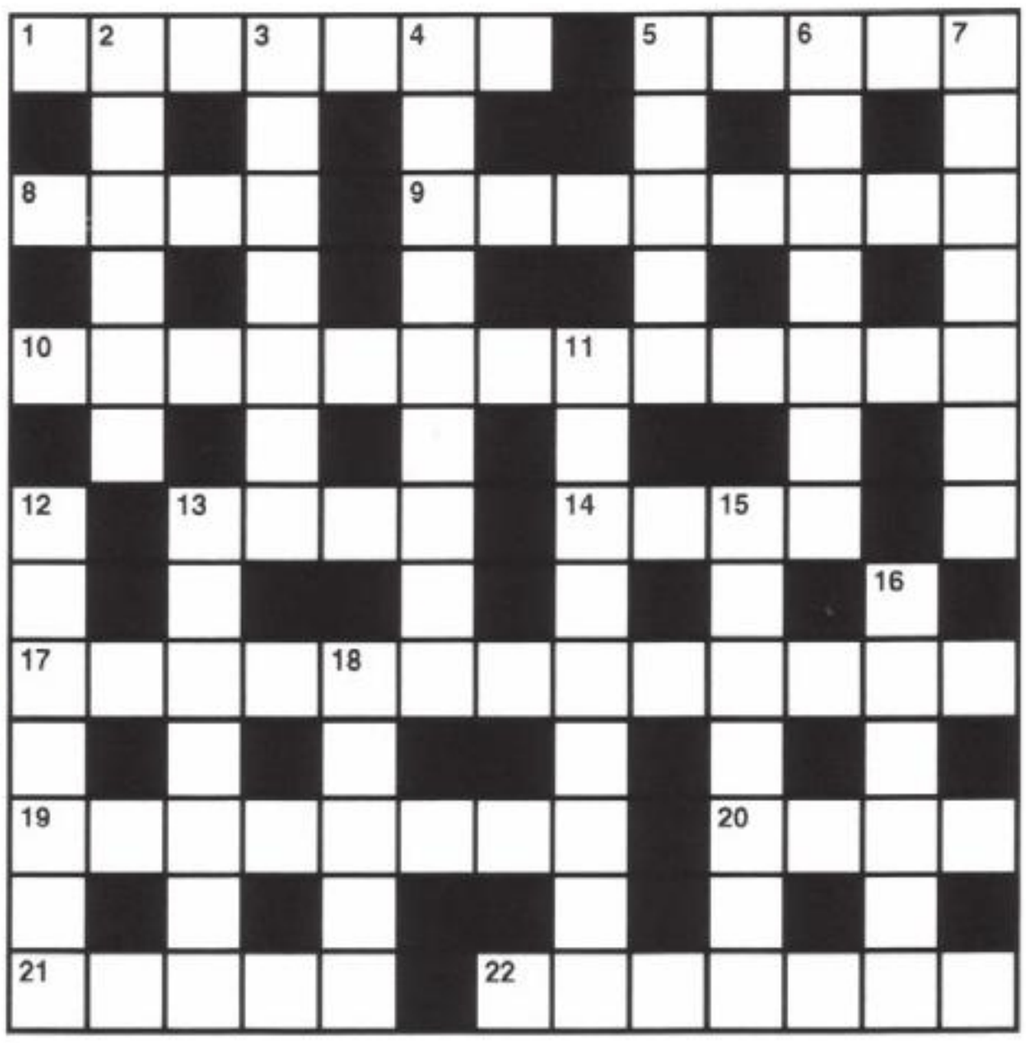
2 Tracts of level country (6)
3 Uniting (7)
4 Softening (9)
5 Strip of leather (5)
6 Clear (7)
7 Locks of hair (7)
11 Steersman (9)
12 Mixed (7)
13 Easily understood (7)
15 Convince (7)
16 Reply (6)
18 Slippery (5

Cryptic Clues Across

1 I try aid for the drought condition (7)
5 Established as in a plot (5)
8 Cream of sounds? (4)
9 I have water and rum in the goldfish bowl (8)
10 Then drums sort out the atmosphere disturbances (13)
13 Appear from these embarrassing moments (4)
14 Shoot back with one on the peak (4)
17 One who believes in always giving thanks before meals? (7,6)
19 Less usual to find a foreigner (8)
20 Carry the animal (4)
21 But not necessarily a tree that was planted earlier (5)
22 Renew the French sheen (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Outlines the plans for part of the golf course (6)
3 Disturb the grandee (7)
4 Take back the skill of the French man as a shopkeeper (9)
5 Will the second-rate survive the explosion? (5)
6 Sound pleased it's mounting the footrest (7)
7 Mad to go back, and inquires for the linens (7)
11 One who always hesitates to speak. (9)
12 I'm too old-fashioned for this deadlock (7)
13 Looked about right, so took the leading role (7)
15 Serving several purposes in public transport (7)
16 I chatter about the robber (6)
18 The man who is satisfied at five hundred going to the front? (5)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Substantial 9 Pan 10 Professed 11 Repel 13 Natural 14 Trance 16 Sedate 18 Operate 19 Vista 20 Axiomatic 21 Owe 22 Reprocessed

Down: 2 Urn 3 Sepal 4 Amount 5 Trestle 6 Austrians 7 Operational 8 Adulterated 12 Peacetime 15 Charmer 17 Hectic 19 Vices 21 Ode

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Concessions 9 Sit 10 Protector 11 Ovoid 13 Rations 14 Litter 16 Salaam 18 Knitted 19 Reset 20 Intending 21 Ego 22 Adventurers

Down: 2 Oat 3 Coped 4 Scours 5 Inertia 6 Nationals 7 As you like it 8 Presumption 12 Outwitted 15 Entente 17 Adrift 19 Roger 21 Err

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REVIEW: Mazda2 1.3 Venture

By **Philip Shoulder**

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MAZDA'S compact supermini appeared on the scene in 2008. Cosmetic changes for the revised 2012 model include a refreshed face with five corner grille, and big fog lights. The same stylishly sculpted sides and rear-end remain, giving the Mazda2 a taut, dynamic stance.

This latest Venture Edition is based on the five-door hatchback Tamura model and features 16-inch gunmetal alloy wheels, sports styling kit and rear privacy glass. Two petrol engines are available; a 1.3-litre available with 75ps and 84ps outputs and a 1.5-litre with 102ps. The 84ps 1.3 tested here, returns 56.5mpg (combined cycle) and has a CO_2 emission rating of 115g/km. Performance around town and on B roads is perfectly adequate – the little Mazda getting to 62 mph in 13.6 seconds. However, on faster A roads and the motorway it can start to feel a bit breathless, so if you're regularly travelling longer journeys, the bigger 1.5 litre motor is recommended.

The 1.3 can sound also a bit vocal when worked hard, but otherwise refinement levels are acceptable. A stiff bodyshell and re-tuned suspension give the car noticeably better road holding and ride comfort than before.

The precise and nicely-weighted steering combined with compact exterior dimensions give Mazda's supermini a nimble and agile feel. Good visibility, a smooth drivetrain, light clutch and slick manual gearbox also make for an accomplished city companion. Specifications are up on Tamura-spec cars and include: driver's seat height adjustment, leather steering wheel, climate control, and electric rear windows, along with TomTom navigation and Bluetooth.

The cabin has an airy, spacious feel and gives occupants plenty of headroom and the rear bench is comfortably big enough for two. However, at 250 litres, boot space is on the small side.

A well aligned driving position usefully incorporates a left foot rest, although the steering wheel adjusts only for height and not reach; while the front seats - although comfortable - are rather flat and don't offer a huge amount of support. Trim quality feels a bit cheap in places, but it's a nicely styled dashboard, and the navigation function being far better than many rival systems.

Verdict:

Mazda's supermini has aged well, still managing to combine desirable looks and possessing enough ability to give it genuine appeal - although it can't ultimately compete with the latest supermini elite. The range would also benefit with the addition of an efficient diesel.

• *Mazda2 1.3 Venture*

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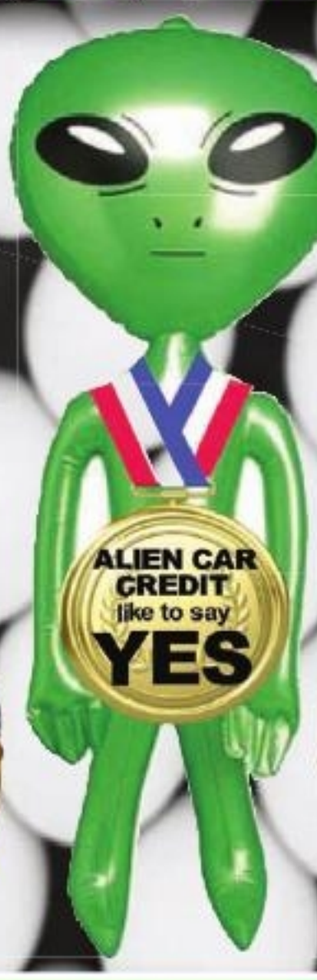

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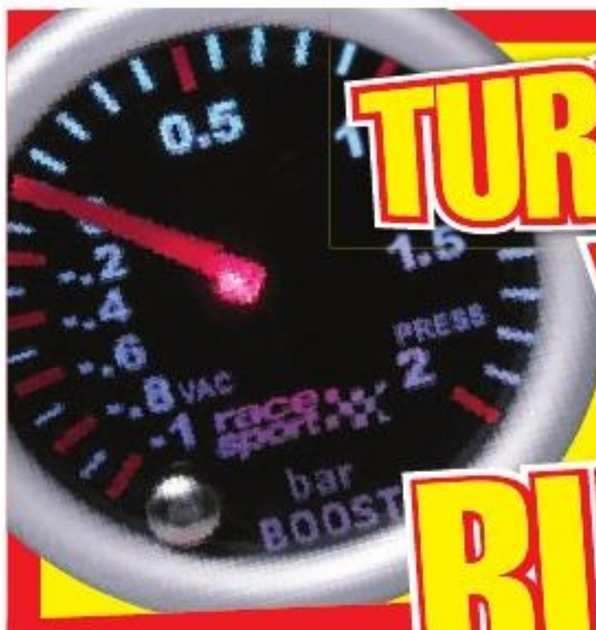

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LATE ROSE HEADER RESCUES OXFORD

Wilder's men fight back from two goals down to force FA Cup replay

A LATE Danny Rose equaliser saw Oxford United avoid an FA Cup first round upset at the hands of Conference side Gateshead last Saturday, as they battled back from the brink to draw 2-2 and force a replay.

James Marwood's wonder strike from 30 yards put the Tynesiders in front on 12 minutes, and United were in deep trouble just six minutes after the break as Jamie Chandler slotted the ball past Ryan Clarke for 2-0.

However, Chris Wilder's men rallied and the impact of substitute Ryan Williams saw United bombard the Gateshead penalty area for the last 20 minutes.

On 76 minutes the pressure paid off as Deane Smalley slammed home David Hunt's low cross for his sixth of the season.

By **Jack Johnson**
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James Constable also went close as United pushed for an equaliser but a last roll of the dice saw Adam Bartlett brilliantly deny Smalley and Rose bravely headed the ball over the line.

The replay will be played at Gateshead's International Arena on November 20, while a trip to Wrexham, another Conference club, awaits in the second round.

In a match where United look disjointed and average for 70 minutes, Rose was disappointed not to win the game.

He said: "It is a game we should be winning, not comfortably because they are a decent side, but we were not good enough in all aspects of the game especially the first 70 minutes.

"But we showed a bit of spirit which we have shown on many occasions."

He added: "We started quite brightly, we passed it well, and then the goal deflated us which it shouldn't do as it was 1-0 and it wasn't the end of the world.

"For one reason or another they managed to get a foothold in the game and after that their spirits were up and too many of us went into our shell.

"We started the second half quite brightly but the goal came again but thankfully we managed to scrape through in the end."

Tom Newey was forced off at half-time with concussion after a clash with Clarke but a more worrying sight for Wilder was his captain Jake Wright limping off with a hamstring injury after half an hour.

This weekend United return to league action and have the opportunity to go back to the top of the table as they travel to Mansfield Town.

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• *Danny Rose (left) is congratulated by fellow goalscorer Deane Smalley as Oxford snatched a last-gasp equaliser against Gateshead (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

• *Mike Symonds celebrates his goal with jubilant Oxford City fans (Words and picture by Mike Allen)*

Spirited City dig in and get some points on the board

OXFORD City secured four points from six in three days this week.

Mike Ford's men thumped Stockport County 4-1 on Saturday, before coming from behind twice on Tuesday night to secure a 2-2 draw at Histon.

An unfortunate Lee Henderson own goal only spurred City on at the weekend, and Jamie Cook almost levelled after 10 minutes as his shot flew inches wide.

Five minutes later the home side did pull level when Tom Winters steered the ball home through a crowded box from Chris Palmer's corner.

The home side seized the initiative after the break and took a deserved lead with a superb 30 yard strike from Mike Symonds that flew past Ryan Jones in the County goal.

The visitors were then reduced to 10 men when captain and last man Kieran Charnock saw red after dragging down Darren Pond.

It was Pond who increased City's lead on 67 minutes when he headed powerfully home from Palmer's cross.

Symonds saw an effort ruled out for offside before Callum McNish set up Kayden Jackson to slot home City's fourth.

On Tuesday, goals from Winters and Jackson ensured city came away from Histon with their fourth away point of the season.

City are 18th in the Skrill North with 12 points from 14 games.

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